(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposal for setting up a hub in Karnataka is under considerations; and

(d) if so, the action taken / proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited have plans to acquire additional capacity during the Tenth Plan period from internal resources/market borrowings.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Management Cadre for IA

482. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines is managed by IAS officers instead of technocrates;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to have an effective management cadre for Indian Airlines; and

(d) if not, the reasons therfor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) At present the concerned administrative Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Civil Aviation is holding the additional charge of Chairman & Managing Director, Indian Airlines.

(b) to (d) Necessary action was initiated by the Ministry of Civil Aviation for filling up the post of Chairman and Managing Director, Indian Airlines which was to fall vacant on 26.5.2000. However, Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) was unable to select a suitable candidate. Since Government had decided to go in for disinvestment of 51% of its share in Indian Airlines and the process of disinvestment was to start soon, it was decided to give the additional charge of the post of Chairman and Managing Director to the concerned administrative Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Civil Aviation. All the other officers of Indian Airlines except for Director Security and Chief Vigilance Officer are from the Company itself.